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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) It is not correct to say that there was no stock of rice in Kurumbranad taluk from 15th November 1953. There was a total stock of 19,575 bags of rice in the taluk on 15th November 1953. But as the release price of these stocks could not be fixed as soon as the consignments were received, they could not be issued through the ration shops. Some stocks were therefore moved from Kozhikode and Cannanore to Badagara for supply to the ration shops to meet the immediate requirements of the consumers. There were however no complaints about the non-availability of rice in any of the ration shops during this period nor was there any breakdown of rationing in any area, even temporarily.

" (b) Yes. A complaint was received by the Collector of Malabar. The samples of rice were immediately inspected by the Assistant Entomologist who reported that there was nothing wrong with the rice except its normal reddish colour and a negligible percentage of admixture of paddy and that the rice was quite fit for human consumption. He, therefore, recommended that the rice might be issued for consumption. The allegation that the rice was bad and unfit for human consumption is, therefore, not correct."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Hon. Minister said that there was no breakdown in the supply of rations. Is the Hon. Minister aware that because the Badagara Society was the only society that had to supply to other villages and because they were asked to take rations every day from other societies, they suffered a huge loss and may I know who is responsible for this loss? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am not aware of the loss which has been incurred by the particular society. If the matter is brought to the notice of the Government and if there is any just grievance, I am prepared to look into it."

Separation of the Judiciary from the Executive.

* 41 *Q.*—SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(a) the extra expenditure anticipated at the time of the introduction of the Scheme of Separation of the Judiciary from the Executive; and

(b) the extra expenditure actually incurred in the real working of the scheme in the districts in which it has been introduced so far?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" (a) From such calculations as could be made on estimates and allowing for the savings resulting from the abolition of a number of revenue divisions and Deputy Tahsildars' charges no additional expenditure was anticipated by the introduction of the Scheme of Separation of the Judiciary from the Executive in the State.

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"(*b*) Subsequent to the introduction of the Scheme in the eight districts of this State, it was found necessary to restore four out of the 13 Deputy Tahsildars' charges abolished in consequence of the Scheme. This meant a reduction of about Rs. 32,000 in the estimated savings. On the expenditure side it was found necessary somewhat to increase the working strength of the non-gazetted magistracy as compared with the number originally provided for but this was mainly due to the increase in the volume of work that had to be disposed of by the Magistrates and it is not a feature resulting from the Scheme of Separation or a phenomenon peculiar to the Separation districts. It is not possible to estimate the actual extra expenditure attributable to the Scheme of Separation."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" பிரிப்பதற்கு முன்பு மாஜிஸ்திரேட்டுகளுக்கு இருந்த சம்பளத்திற்கும் பிரித்த பிறகு மாஜிஸ்திரேட்டுகளுக்கு இருக்கும் சம்பளத்திற்குமுள்ள வித்யாசம் எவ்வளவு ?" 10-20 a.m.

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" A separate question may be given notice of."

SRI S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH :—" Sir, are the Government aware that as a consequence of this separation of the Judiciary from the Executive, the Kollegal subdivision has been abolished and such being the case, the people have to travel about 70 miles to reach the revenue subdivisional headquarters?"

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" A separate question may be given notice of because it is not covered by the main question."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is there a difference in the scale of pay paid to the Magistrate after the separation of the Judiciary from the Executive?"

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" It is a separate cadre now."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" On the whole, was any extra expenditure incurred in the State or were any savings made consequent on the separation of the Judiciary from the Executive, and in how many more districts have we to implement the scheme?"

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Regarding the latter part of the question, we are now implementing the scheme in three more districts in July. We will be implementing it in two more districts and in Madras City after that."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is the fundamental purpose of separation material or moral?"

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" It is done rather in conformity with the democratic set-up we are having."

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SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know the number of permanent Magistrates who lost their permanency on account of the separation of the Judiciary from the Executive and the number of Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars who had satisfactorily completed their probation and have been reverted in all these eight districts?"

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" A separate question may be given notice of."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" வேலை இல்லாத வக்கீல்களுக்கு வேலை தேடிக் கொடுக்கும் நோக்கத்துடன் தான் இந்த ஜூடிஷியரி எக்சிக்யூடிவிலிருந்து பிரிக்கப்பட்டதா ? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" I am not prepared to discuss the merits of the scheme as such."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" On the whole, was any extra expenditure incurred or were any savings made throughout the State?"

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" There was a certain amount of savings on account of this, but it cannot be called a saving because additional expenditure had to be incurred while putting the scheme into operation. It is not a financial issue at all."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, I have put a specific question whether any extra expenditure was incurred. If the Hon. Minister has got in his file statistics about the expenditure incurred in each district, it will not be difficult to give the accumulated figure as to the loss incurred or gain made by the Government in respect of the whole State."

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" The following are the particulars available in respect of each district :—

Name of district.	Additional expenditure or savings.	Amount.
		RS.
North Arcot	Savings	32,329·2
South Arcot	Additional expenditure	12,962·4
Chingleput	Savings	10,477·2
Coimbatore	Do.	20,906·4
South Kanara	Additional expenditure	12,538·8
Madurai	Savings	664·8
Malabar	Additional expenditure	5,044·8
The Nilgiris	Savings	18,481·2
Ramanathapuram	Additional expenditure	28,855·2
Salem	Savings	14,2[illegible]6·8
Tanjore	Do.	22,189·2
Tirunelveli	Additional expenditure	15,228 0
Tiruchirappalli	Do.	5,863·2

" The total anticipated saving was Rs. 1,19,284·8 and total additional expenditure was Rs. 80,492·4. So, a saving of Rs. 38,792 was anticipated while the scheme was being considered."

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SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—"தென்னாற்காடு ஜில்லாவில் மட்டும் செலவினம் அதிகரித்திருப்பதற்குக் காரணம் என்ன ? அங்குதான் அதிகமான மாஜிஸ்ட்ரேட்டுகள் பழிவாங்கப்பட்டார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

Illicit cutting of trees.

* 42 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the number of cases of illicit cutting of trees detected in the present Madras State during 1952–53 and the amount of compensation for fine realized on this during 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The information is not available with the Government. To make reference to each district will involve much labour and great delay. But I may, however, inform the hon. Member that the Government are formulating necessary steps to better safeguard avenue trees."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know whether there is any change in the seigniorage charge? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I cannot say anything about the seigniorage charge while answering this question. A separate question may be put. Sir."

Extension of the supply of electricity in South Arcot district.

* 43 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the amount spent on the extension of electric supply in the South Arcot district during 1952–53 by the Government?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Electricity extension schemes are not investigated and executed on a district basis, but with reference to availability of supplies of power for distribution in the areas concerned, facilities for distribution and availability of funds. Execution is in order of priority of sanction of schemes. Expenditure from district to district, and from year to year in the same district, will therefore vary. Most of the taluks in the South Arcot district are served by the licensee, the South Arcot Electricity Distribution Company, Limited and it has spent Rs. 5 lakhs during 1952–53 on rural electrification in the district. In addition, in respect of areas in the district coming under the jurisdiction of the Government Electricity Department, a sum of Rs. 11,209 was spent by the Government during 1952–53."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" In Poyyappakkam, though the main line is running within a distance of 2 furlongs, may I know why the licensee or Government have not come forward to extend electricity to that place? "